on each Arm of the *Balance*, are moveable from one Notch to another.

E, A Weight, to be hung upon the Arm *C* at *F*, to add to the Weight of the too-much extended Side, as Occaſion requires.

VIII. *A Letter from Sir* Tho. Moſtyn, *Bart. to* Roger Jones, *M. D.* F. R. S. *concerning a golden* Torques *found in* England.

SIR, *Gloddeth, Dec.* 27. 1741.

Read Jan. 28. 1741-2.

I Have received the Favour of your Letter, wherein you deſire to be informed of the Particulars of my *Torques*. I wiſh I were able to give you a better Account, but have never ſeen nor heard of any Remarks made upon it, or any Account where it was found, but I think it was in this County. It is a Wreath of Gold, weighing, as near as I can judge, nine Ounces. I believe it is without Alloy, being very pliable; it anſwers exactly *Virgil*'s Deſcription, *Æn.* V. 558 and 559.

Pars leves humero pharetras: it pectore ſummo
Flexilis obtorti per collum circulus auri.

It being joined here with the *Pharetra*, and being very proper for carrying a Quiver, inclines me to think, that the *Gauls*, from whom the *Romans* took it, uſed it for that Purpoſe; but among the latter it ſeems to have been worn as an Ornament, rather than a thing of Uſe. There are ſeveral Paſſages in the Hiſto-

Hiſtorians, which mention its being given as a Reward for military Service. It is ſometimes deſcribed as a Chain conſiſting of ſeveral Links; but mine is all one Piece, without any Link or Joints, and takes its Flexibility from the Pureneſs of the Metal.

I doubt not there are many Gentlemen of the SOCIETY, who can give a better Account of the *Torques* than I can. If, for your own Satisfaction, you have a mind to be further informed of the Uſe of it among the Antients, you may, I believe, find it in a Treatiſe written by one *John Schefferus*, *de Antiquorum Torquibus*, which is printed in *Grævius*'s Collections, but I have not the Book here.

I have not forgot the Oil or Scum which floats on the Sea about *Midſummer*, and will endeavour to have ſome ſaved the next Seaſon.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Tho. Moſtyn.

IX. *A Letter from* Benj. Cooke, F. R. S. *to* Peter Collinſon, F. R. S. *giving an Account of the* Fire-ball *ſeen* Dec. 11. 1741.

Newport, in the *Iſle of Whight*, *Jan.* 25. 1741-2.

Dear SIR,

Read Jan. 28. 1741-2.

I Did not ſee the *Phænomenon* (the *Fire-ball* ſeen *Dec.* 11. 1741.) you mention *; but a Gentleman of my Acquaintance was

* See in this *Tranſaction* p. 1.